Remarks:

The amendment to claim 24 is to correct a typographical error, in which the now stricken, repetitive phrase was inadvertently inserted. The amendment does not add new matter, it does not raise new issue, and it does not change the scope of the claim, therefore, no additional search or examination is required. The claim, as amended, is patentable for the same reason as stated in the Notice of Allowability dated August 31, 2004. It is not presented earlier because the typographical error was discovered when applicants did a final check of the claims before paying the issue fee. Applicants respectfully request the entry of this amendment and timely issuance of a patent.

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